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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Defendants.

# **COMPLAINT**

**COMES NOW** the Plaintiff Cindy LeBow (a/k/a CindyVanos) (hereinafter "Plaintiff") by and through Plaintiff's attorneys of record and files Plaintiff's Complaint against Defendants and states as follows:

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is an action brought by a consumer for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. [hereinafter "FDCPA"]), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act<sup>1</sup>, 12 U.S.C. § 2605 ("RESPA"), the Truth in Lending Act 15 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq. ("TILA") and state law by the Defendants including an **illegally scheduled** foreclosure on March 1, 2018 on the Plaintiff's property at 167 Davis Road, Woodville, AL 35776.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any reference to TILA or RESPA or FDCPA or any part thereof encompasses all relevant parts and subparts thereto.

- 2. This lawsuit is also brought under the authority of Plaintiff's Mortgage the very paragraph 22 that Defendants seek to use to foreclose expressly gives Plaintiff the right to bring this court action to assert defenses.
- 3. Venue is proper in this Court as all Defendants do business in this County.

# **PARTIES**

- 4. The Plaintiff Cindy LeBow (a/k/a Cindy Vanos), (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is a natural person who resides within this County.
- 5. Defendant The Bank of New York Mellon (f/k/a The Bank of New York) as Trustee for CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Series 2002-2 ("Defendant" or "The Bank of New York") in this action is a foreign corporation doing business in this County, and is considered a "servicer" and a "creditor" under RESPA and TILA. It is also considered a "debt collector" under the FDCPA.
- 6. Defendant Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC("Defendant" or "Specialized Loan Servicing") in this action is a foreign corporation doing business in this County, and is considered a "servicer" and a "creditor" under RESPA and TILA. It is also considered a "debt collector" under the FDCPA.
- 7. Due to the conflicting and contradictory information by Defendants, it is unclear which Defendant allegedly owns the mortgage and which Defendant is acting as a servicer so in this lawsuit both are alleged to be acting together in the line of scope of all agency agreements they have with each other. Both are alleged to be the agent for each other.
- 8. Fictitious defendants A-Z are those defendants who caused or are responsible for the harm done to Plaintiff. Any reference to "Defendant" or "Defendants" o

The Bank of New York" or "Defendant Specialized Loan Servicing" includes all fictitiously described Defendants as well.

#### **FACTS**

- 9. RESPA and TILA apply to Defendants<sup>2</sup> THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING and to the loan at issue in this case.
- Defendants are collecting on this debt illegally including the fact that the Defendants have scheduled an illegal foreclosure on March 1, 2018.
- 11. At some point Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING began to allegedly service or own the loan.
- 12. This alleged loan is a legacy loan from the Countrywide fiasco that helped plunge the nation into an economic crisis.
- 13. Countrywide is infamous for having bogus loans, collecting on loans it had no right to collect on, etc.
- 14. So for the Defendants to claim to have taken over this loan from Countrywide only emphasizes the need for this Honorable Court to review the situation before any foreclosure can occur.
- 15. After Defendants allegedly took over the loan, they decided to take Plaintiff's house in an illegal foreclosure sale.
- 16. No proper default letter was sent as required by the mortgage to do a foreclosure.
- 17. No proper acceleration letter was sent as required by the mortgage to do a foreclosure.
- 18. Defendants have committed illegal dual tracking.
- 19. Defendants refused to properly offer loss mitigation options and properly review loss mitigation requests/applications as required by RESPA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defendants have acted jointly and as agents for each other such that Plaintiffs refer to the Defendants collectively.

- This is not an oversight or a mistake on the part of Defendants but instead is a deliberate and calculated plan in an effort to thwart the protections offered to consumers such as Plaintiff when dealing with a mortgage loan.
- 21. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have a pattern and practice of violating RESPA.
- 22. The actions and inactions of Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING violate the TILA, RESPA, and FDCPA as well as state law.
- 23. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING are servicers under RESPA, including the definition of 12 U.S.C. §2605(i)(2) & (3) as well as 12 C.F.R. §1024.2.
- 24. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING engages in the following conduct as a servicer: asking for periodic monthly payments, handling escrow matters (including insurance and force placed insurance), threatening foreclosure, etc.
- 25. A company such as Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING can claim to be an owner or holder of the note and/or mortgage and still be a servicer under RESPA.
- 26. The loan at issue qualifies under RESPA including 12 C.F.R. §1024.5(a) and 12 C.F.R. §1024.2.
- 27. TILA applies to Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING as it claims to be an ultimate assignee from the original creditor and it is acting as a servicer as well and this loan qualifies under TILA.

- 28. The FDCPA is a federal law that applies to debt collectors such as Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING.
- 29. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING are in the business of buying and/or servicing defaulted consumer debt, particularly mortgage debt, and then collecting on those defaulted consumer debts.
- 30. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have as their principal purpose in business to collect debts.
- 31. Their business model is the collecting of defaulted debt, primarily mortgage debt.
- 32. The FDCPA applies to mortgage loans, which were allegedly in default at the time the Defendant begins to collect on such loans.
- 33. It prohibits deceptive conduct of any type as well as harassing or unfair conduct, even on debts that are owed.
- 34. Here, Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING made false statements to Plaintiff and its conduct can only be described as unfair and harassing.
- 35. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have repeatedly violated the strict liability FDCPA.
- 36. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING are collecting on this debt illegally including the fact that the Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING scheduled an illegal foreclosure on March 1, 2018.
- 37. The FDCPA applies to Plaintiff as Defendants have sought to collect this amount against Plaintiff.

- 38. The threatened foreclosure and other collection activities are illegal and constitute a threat to take action which Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING were not legally entitled to take or had no intention of taking.
- 39. The threatened foreclosure and other illegal collection activities are not authorized by the contracts giving rise to the alleged debt.
- 40. Defendants have refused to follow all conditions precedent to foreclose, including those under the contract, under state law, under federal law, and under the rules and regulations governing this loan.
- 41. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING used false representations and/or deceptive means to collect on this debt.
- 42. The collection methods employed by Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING were and are harassing and illegal.

# The Illegally Threatened Foreclosure Of March 1, 2018

- 43. Plaintiff has not received any notification, other than shown above, regarding the alleged foreclosure to occur on March 1, 2018.
- 44. But Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have threatened the foreclosure to occur on March 1, 2018.

# Non-Judicial Foreclosures In Alabama

- 45. There are two types of foreclosure in America.
- 46. By filing a complaint for foreclosure and having the Circuit Court rule that foreclosure is proper.
- 47. This is known as a "judicial foreclosure."

- 48. Florida, for example, is a judicial foreclosure state where tens of thousands of foreclosures have been filed in the Circuit Courts.
- 49. The other way is a "non-judicial foreclosure" and this is used almost 100% of the time in residential foreclosures in Alabama.
- 50. In a non-judicial foreclosure, the Alabama Supreme Court has repeatedly reminded mortgage companies and foreclosure lawyers that the mortgage and the law must be strictly complied with in order to have the benefit of a non-judicial foreclosure.
- A non-judicial foreclosure is of great advantage to mortgage companies, as they do not have to file a lawsuit.
- 52. Instead, it is akin to a vehicle repossession where there is no court involvement hence the name of "non-judicial" foreclosure.
- To get this great advantage, the mortgage company must strictly comply with all steps and laws.
- Here are some of the steps that must be strictly complied with in order to do a non-judicial foreclosure.
- 55. First, the homeowner must truly be in default of an existing unpaid loan.
- Second, the mortgage company must send a default letter (notice of default) that strictly complies with the mortgage. In this case, that is paragraph 22 of the mortgage.
- 57. Third, if the homeowner does not cure the default, then the loan must be accelerated in accordance with paragraph 22 of the mortgage.
- 58. Fourth, the foreclosure date must be properly set and advertised in a newspaper in Jackson County for three consecutive weeks.
- 59. <u>Fifth</u>, the notice of sale must be sent to homeowner.

- 60. If any step is not done strictly in compliance with the law and the mortgage, then the attempted foreclosure fails and is invalid.
- The Defendants failed to strictly comply with all steps and as such the foreclosure must not go forward on March 1, 2018.

# This Lawsuit Is Brought Under The Mortgage For A Court To Determine The Validity Of Any Default, Acceleration or Foreclosure

- Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING never have owned this debt as there was no valid transfer of the debt or the mortgage to Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, there is no debt that is owed, and Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have not properly followed the rules and laws in order to foreclose.
- 63. Since Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have not strictly complied with the requirements for a foreclosure sale, Plaintiff has valid defenses to the default, acceleration and foreclosure sale.

# **Remaining Factual Allegations**

- 64. After Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING allegedly took over the loan, Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING decided to take Plaintiff's house in an illegal foreclosure sale.
- 65. No proper default letter was sent as required by the mortgage to do a foreclosure.
- 66. No proper acceleration letter was sent as required by the mortgage to do a foreclosure.

- 67. No proper notice of sale was sent to Plaintiff, as required by the mortgage.
- 68. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING refused to properly offer loss mitigation options as required by RESPA.
- 69. RESPA requires that available loss mitigation options be presented to Plaintiff.
- 70. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING refused to do so.
- 71. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING refused to send correct and accurate mortgage statements each month as required by RESPA and TILA.
- 72. Even though Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING claim this is a valid debt and valid mortgage (such that Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have and still are threatening to foreclose), they refuse to treat this as such as they refuse to send correct and accurate monthly mortgage statements.
- 73. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have a pattern and practice of violating RESPA, FDCPA, and TILA.
- 74. This is not an oversight on the part of Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING but instead is a deliberate and calculated plan in an effort to thwart the protections offered to consumers such as Plaintiff when dealing with an alleged mortgage loan.
- 75. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING believe that very few, if any, consumers will take action based upon their violation of Federal and state laws.

- 76. The actions and inactions of Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING violate the TILA, FDCPA and RESPA as well as state law.
- 77. The loan at issue is a "debt" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 78. It is a consumer and personal loan for a home and thus qualifies as a covered debt under the FDCPA.
- 79. Plaintiff alleges the (alleged) debt was in default at the time the servicing rights were allegedly assigned or transferred to Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING.
- 80. Even though no debt is actually owed to Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, they claimed the debt was owed and in default when they first began allegedly servicing or owning the non-existent debt.
- 81. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING are in the primary business of collecting debts.
- 82. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING meet all requirements to be considered a "debt collector" under the FDCPA.
- 83. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have continued to this very day to engage in debt collection activities against Plaintiff, including seeking payment of an amount not owed and attempting to foreclose against Plaintiff without the right to do so. This has been done through calls, letters, and other means of collection.
- 84. Misrepresentations were made regarding the character, amount, or legal status of the debt.

- 85. The amount of the debt, the amount of fees and charges, were incorrect and not supported by the law and by the note and mortgage.
- The threatened foreclosure and other collection activities are illegal and constitute a threat to take action which Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING were not legally entitled to take or had no intention of taking.
- 87. The threatened foreclosure and other illegal collection activities are not authorized by the contract giving rise to the alleged debt.
- 88. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING used false representations and/or deceptive means to collect on this debt.
- 89. The collection methods employed by Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING were and are harassing and illegal.
- 90. As a direct result of the acts complained of against Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, Plaintiff has been caused to suffer, and will continue to suffer great mental anguish, damage to Plaintiff's reputation, economic and emotional damages and claim from Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING all damages allowable under the law.
- 91. It is understandable and natural and foreseeable that if an improper and illegal threat is made to take a consumer's home, the consumer will find this very upsetting and will suffer emotional distress.
- 92. Plaintiff's name has been published in a newspaper and online as facing foreclosure this has caused great emotional distress as would be expected when false information is published about a consumer in the public.

- 93. Knowing that Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have violated the federal and state laws as well as refusing to follow the contract (mortgage and note), is very upsetting and has caused emotional distress and mental anguish to Plaintiff.
- 94. Plaintiff does not know what other illegal acts Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING will commit but it is obvious to Plaintiff that Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING will continue to illegally collect a nonexistent and attempt to take Plaintiff's home and this has caused and will continue to cause great emotional distress and mental anguish.
- 95. All employees and agents of Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING acted with the line and scope of their employment and/or agency relationship.
- 96. Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have refused to apologize to Plaintiff for their misconduct against Plaintiff.
- 97. There is no right to foreclose and Plaintiff request this Honorable Court rule that Defendants THE BANK OF NEW YORK and SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING have no such right to foreclose on March 1, 2018.
- 98. As a direct result of the acts complained of against each Defendant, Plaintiff has been caused to suffer, and will continue to suffer great mental anguish, damage to Plaintiff's reputation and credit, economic and emotional damages and claim from all Defendants all damages allowable under the law.
- 99. All employees and agents of each Defendant acted with the line and scope of their employment and/or agency relationship.

- 100. No Defendant has apologized to Plaintiff for its misconduct against Plaintiff.
- 101. There is no right to foreclose and Plaintiff request this Honorable Court rule that Defendants have no such right to foreclose.

#### **COUNT I**

# **VIOLATIONS OF RESPA AND TILA BY DEFENDANTS**

- 102. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 103. Defendants are obligated to offer loss mitigation options to Plaintiff before foreclosing.
- 104. Defendants refused to do this.
- 105. Defendants refused to allow Plaintiff to apply for loss mitigation.
- 106. Defendants refused to properly review any and all loss mitigation applications/requests by Plaintiff.
- 107. Defendants illegally dual tracked.
- 108. Defendants refused to provide a payoff under the time limits required by law.
- 109. Defendants refused to provide an accurate payoff.
- 110. Defendants have refused to send proper monthly mortgage statements as required by law.
- 111. Defendants have refused to give proper notice of change in ownership or change in servicing.
- 112. As a result of this lack of compliance by the Defendants, they are liable to Plaintiff for actual damages, statutory damages for each violation, costs and attorneys fees.
- 113. The violations of the law by Defendants have resulted in mental anguish, emotional distress, financial loss, damage to credit, and other damages that will be identified in discovery.

# **COUNT II**

#### VIOLATIONS OF THE FDCPA

- 114. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 115. Defendants violated the entirety of the FDCPA including, but not limited to, Sections 1692d, 1692e, 1692e(4), 1692e(5), 1692e(8), 1692e(10), 1692e(11), 1692f, 1692f(1), 1692f(6), and 1692g as set forth in this Complaint.
- 116. As a result of Defendants' violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages; statutory damages; and reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and costs from Defendants.

# **COUNT III**

#### BREACH OF CONTRACT BY ALL DEFENDANTS

- 117. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 118. Defendants had a contract with Plaintiff but Defendants breached any and all contracts with Plaintiff.
- 119. Plaintiff has performed under the contract.
- 120. As a result of Defendants' breach of contract, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages; statutory damages; and reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and costs from Defendants.

#### **COUNT IV**

# DECLARATION THAT FORECLOSURE IS NOT ALLOWABLE

- 121. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 122. Because Defendants have failed to follow the mortgage and state and federal laws (and rules and regulations) and because there is no default, the foreclosure should not be allowed to go forward.

- 123. Plaintiff is not in default.
- 124. Defendants have no right to foreclose.
- Pursuant to paragraph 22 of the mortgage, Plaintiff request a determination that foreclosure is not allowed.

# **COUNT V**

# NEGLIGENT, WANTON, AND/OR INTENTIONAL HIRING AND SUPERVISION OF INCOMPETENT DEBT COLLECTORS BY DEFENDANTS

- 126. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 127. Defendants' collectors and employees/agents are allowed and encouraged to break

  Alabama tort law in order to collect debts and foreclose on homes.
- 128. The Alabama tort law violated includes: negligence, wantonness, and invasion of privacy.
- 129. For example, the Defendants know they must follow the mortgage but they allow and encourage their collectors/employees/agents to violate the mortgage as set forth in this Complaint.
- 130. Defendants know that it is illegal to foreclose but have publicly and privately told Plaintiff that Defendants will take Plaintiff's home from Plaintiff and this constitutes an invasion of privacy under Alabama law as well as negligence and wantonness.
- 131. Defendants are aware of the wrongful conduct of their agents and/or employees.
- 132. The actions of Defendants' agents and employees were not done secretly but instead were done openly through letters, calls and even publicly through advertising the foreclosure in a public newspaper and online.
- 133. Clearly Defendants knew or should have known of the violations of Alabama tort law if Defendants had exercised any due care.

- 134. As Defendants have not apologized in any way to Plaintiff, even after the filing of this suit, it is apparent that the Defendants intended for Plaintiff to be treated the way Plaintiff was treated by Defendants' employees and agents.
- 135. Despite the knowledge of what was happening, Defendants refused to correct, discipline, supervise or make right the wrongful conduct of their agents and employees who violated Alabama tort law.
- 136. Instead, Defendants have intentionally (or wantonly or negligently) reaped the rewards of and encouraged their employees and agents to violate Alabama tort law.
- 137. Defendants negligently, wantonly, and/or intentionally hired, retained, or supervised incompetent employees or agents, who were allowed or encouraged to violate Alabama law as was done to Plaintiff and Defendants are thereby responsible to the Plaintiff for the wrongs committed against Plaintiff and the damages suffered by Plaintiff.

# **COUNT VI**

#### **NEGLIGENT AND/OR WANTON CONDUCT BY DEFENDANTS**

- 138. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 139. Defendants had a duty, and assumed a duty, to treat Plaintiff fairly and with reasonable care when they decided to threaten to foreclose and advertise publicly an upcoming foreclosure against Plaintiff.
- 140. There is no contract between Plaintiff and Defendants and there is no contractual relationship between Plaintiff and Defendants.
- 141. So when Defendants decided to collect money and to threaten and actually schedule a foreclosure, with no contact and not contractual right to do so, they were obligated to proceed with reasonable and due care.

- 142. Defendants had a duty, and assumed a duty, to not unreasonably cause harm to Plaintiff when they began to collect against Plaintiff and threaten foreclosure.
- 143. Defendants violated all of the duties Defendants had and such violations were made negligently and wantonly.
- 144. This is especially true as there is not even a contract between Defendants and Plaintiff.
- 145. It was foreseeable, and Defendants did in fact foresee it, the actions of Defendants would lead and did lead to the exact type of harm suffered by Plaintiff.
- 146. Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendants' wrongful conduct as described in this Amended Complaint.

#### **COUNT VII**

# **INVASION OF PRIVACY BY DEFENDANTS**

- 147. All paragraphs of this Complaint are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 148. Alabama law recognizes Plaintiff's right to be free from invasions of privacy and Defendants violated Alabama state law as described in this Complaint.
- 149. Congress explicitly recognized a consumer's inherent right to privacy in collection matters in passing the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, when it stated as part of its findings:

Abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy.

- 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a) (emphasis added).
- 150. Congress further recognized a consumer's right to privacy in financial data in passing the Gramm Leech Bliley Act, which regulates the privacy of consumer financial data for a

broad range of "financial institutions" including debt collectors (albeit without a private right of action), when it stated as part of its purposes:

It is the policy of the Congress that <u>each financial institution has an</u> <u>affirmative and continuing obligation to respect the privacy of its customers</u> and to protect the security and confidentiality of those customers' nonpublic personal information.

15 U.S.C. § 6801(a) (emphasis added).

- Defendants and/or their agents intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently interfered, physically or otherwise, with the solitude, seclusion and or private concerns or affairs of the Plaintiff, namely, by repeatedly and unlawfully attempting to collect a debt and thereby invaded Plaintiff's privacy.
- Defendants and their agents intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently caused emotional harm to Plaintiff by engaging in highly offensive conduct in the course of collecting this debt including threatening to take Plaintiff's property, taking Plaintiff's money and all other wrongful acts which will come to light in discovery, thereby invading and intruding upon Plaintiff's right to privacy.
- This includes any false credit reporting by Defendants on Plaintiff's credit reports (which was made with malice, wantonness, and/or recklessness), the threats to foreclose, the illegal debt collection, and all other wrongful acts of Defendants as outlined in this Complaint and as will be proven at trial.
- 154. The plan and scheme carried out by Defendants exceeded the bounds of reasonableness that govern the collection of debts, as there is no right to collect this non existent debt and no right to threaten to foreclose.
- Plaintiff had a reasonable expectation of privacy in Plaintiff's solitude, seclusion, private concerns or affairs, and private financial information.

- 156. The conduct of Defendants and their agents, in engaging in the above-described illegal collection conduct against Plaintiff, resulted in multiple intrusions and invasions of privacy by the Defendants which occurred in a way that would be highly offensive to a reasonable person in that position.
- 157. Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial from Defendants.
- 158. All invasions of privacy acts of Defendants and their agents and/or employees were committed with malice, intent, wantonness, and/or recklessness and as such Defendants are subject to punitive damages as well as nominal and compensatory damages.

# RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff having set forth Plaintiff's claims for relief against each Defendant, respectfully prays of the Court as follows:

- a. That Plaintiff has and recover against each Defendant a sum to be determined by a jury in the form of actual/compensatory damages; nominal damages; punitive damages; and statutory damages;
- b. That each Defendant be enjoined from further violations of the law against Plaintiff;
- c. This Honorable Court rule that there is no right to foreclose by Defendants;
- d. That Plaintiff has reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expenses; and
- e. That Plaintiff has such other and further and proper relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

# Respectfully Submitted,

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# PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY IN THIS CAUSE.

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# Please serve Defendants by certified mail at the following addresses:

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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individual,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
	) Civil Action No.:
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a Corporation; THE BANK OF NEW	) JURY DEMAND
YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR	)
CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED SERIES	)
2002-2, a Bank; and Fictitious defendants A-	)
Z are those defendants who caused or are	)
responsible for the harm done to Plaintiff.	)
Defendants.	

#### PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF DISCOVERY TO ALL DEFENDANTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff propounds the following discovery interrogatories and requests to each and every Defendant:

You are further placed on notice that these Interrogatories are deemed continuing, requiring supplemental responses thereto in the event requested information becomes available which would require amendment or supplementation of your responses in order that they would be proper and truthful.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

If any objection is made to any of the following interrogatories or discovery requests, you shall make any such objection and state the relevant legal basis for such objection. If any objection is made based upon a claim of privilege as to any response, you shall state the legal basis for the privilege you are invoking and provide a detailed privilege log to support the invocation of such privilege.

Each and every interrogatory and discovery request herein is deemed continuing in nature pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure, and you are obligated to seasonably amend and provide any updated information that renders the responses to one or more of these interrogatories and discovery requests, incomplete or inaccurate, and serve those amended responses upon the counsel for Defendants.

As used in these interrogatories and discovery requests, the term "document" or "documents" means every writing or recorded material of every type and description, of any kind, that is in the possession, control or custody of you, which you have knowledge, whether originals, copies or facsimiles. Such writings or recordings include, but are not limited to, collection notes, electronic computer collection records, printouts of collection records, sample collection letters, Metro-data tapes, diskettes, computer hard drives, tape backups, Zip-type disks, magnetic media of any kind, CD-ROM, DVD, correspondence, memoranda, stenographic notes, handwritten notes, contracts, documents, rough drafts, inter-office memoranda, memoranda for the files, letters, research materials, logs, diaries, forms, bank statements, tax returns, card files, books of account, journals, ledgers, invoices, diagrams, minutes, manuals, studies, publications, pamphlets, pictures, films, voice recordings, reports, surveys, minutes, statistical compilations, data processing cards, computer records, tapes, print-outs, agreements, communications, state and federal governmental hearings, reports, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, summaries or records of telephone conversations, summaries or records of personal conversations or interviews, diaries, graphs, notebooks, note charts, charts, plans, drawings, sketches, maps, summaries or records of meetings or conferences, summaries or reports of investigations or negotiations, opinions or reports of consultants, photographs, video tape, motion picture film, digital photographs, brochures, advertisements, circular, press releases, drafts, any marginal comments appearing on any document, all other writings, books of all nature and kind whether handwritten, typed, printed, mimeographed, photocopied or otherwise reproduced, all tape recordings (whether for computer, audio, or visual replay) and all other written, printed, and recorded matter or tangible things upon which words, phrases, symbols or information of any kind are recorded, encrypted or otherwise stored.

A request to "identify" a document is a request to state the following, as applicable:

- a. The date of the document;
- b. The type of document;
- c. The names and present addresses of the person or persons who prepared the document and of the signers and addressors of the document;
- d. The name of the employer or principal whom the signers, addressers and preparers were representing;
- e. The present location of the document;
- f. The name and current business and home addresses of the present custodian of the original document, and any copies of it;
- g. A summary of the contents of the document; and
- h. If the original document was destroyed, the date and reason for or circumstances under which it was destroyed.

Plaintiff requests that the documents be made available for this inspection at the offices of counsel for Plaintiff at The Kress Building 301 Nineteenth Street North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

These interrogatories and discovery requests are intended to cover all documents in your possession, or subject to their custody and control, regardless of location. If there are no such

documents, please so state. If there are such documents, please list and mark appended documents responsive to each request. (Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 34(b)).

Each interrogatory propounded herein should be answered from your entire knowledge from all sources and all information in your possession or otherwise available to you, including information from your officers, employees, agents, representatives or consultants and information which is known by each of them. An incomplete or evasive answer is deemed a failure to answer.

If any answer is qualified, you shall state specifically the terms of each qualification and the reasons for it. If an interrogatory cannot be answered in full, state the part which can be answered and answer the same in full to the extent possible; state further and specifically the reason(s) why the remainder cannot be answered.

If any interrogatory may be answered fully by a document, the document may be attached in lieu of an answer if the document is marked to refer to the Interrogatory to which it responds.

For purpose of these requests, a statement is (a) a written statement signed or otherwise adopted or approved by the person making it, or (b) stenographic, mechanical, electrical, or other recording, or a transcription thereof, which is a substantially verbatim recital of an oral statement by the person making it and contemporaneously recorded.

All request are limited in time (unless otherwise specified) to three (3) years prior to the date of the suit to the present.

# **INTERROGATORIES**

- 1. For each individual person, officer, employee, agent, or other entity answering or providing any information used you to answer any Interrogatory, state the following:
  - a. First, last, and middle legal name;
  - b. All DBA, fake, or alias name(s) used by this person:

- c. Job title or capacity;
- d. Business address and telephone number;
- e. Home address and telephone number; and
- f. Age.
- 2. Identify each document referred to or consulted by you in the preparation of the Answers to these Interrogatories and discovery requests made within this entire document.
- 3. Identify all persons known to you to have personal knowledge of any facts or issues involved in this lawsuit, state the following:
  - a. First, last, and middle legal name;
  - b. All DBAs, fake, or alias name(s) used by this person;
  - c. Job title or capacity;
  - d. Business address and telephone number;
  - e. Home address and telephone number;
  - f. Age; and
  - g. State the general substance of each person's knowledge.
- 4. Identify and describe with particularity all training that you provide or receive, in the area of foreclosure activities, loss mitigation, loan modifications, and postponement of foreclosures, including but not limited to:
  - a. The training content, timing, and duration;
  - b. All documents and audio or visual materials used in such training; and
  - c. Each person involved in providing such training.
- 5. Identify and describe all documents, manuals, instructions, checklists, memorandum, restrictions or other documentation or instructions that your employees or agents are

- given, read, review, or otherwise use, regarding foreclosures, loss mitigation, loan modifications, and postponement of foreclosures.
- 6. Please state in detail and provide all witnesses that support your answer as to every basis that you had to conduct the foreclosure which is scheduled to occur on or about March 1, 2018.
- 7. Identify all notices sent pursuant to the Note or Mortgage.
- 8. Identify as of March 1, 2018, the total current balance due, the past-due principal, past due interest, other charges due, and the amounts past due including how you calculated each figure.
- 9. Identify and produce all advertisements or other foreclosure notices that relate to the foreclosed property.
- 10. Identify and describe any and all documents that describe, record, or establish your methods and techniques used to foreclosure for the previous three years and up through the present.
- 11. Identify and describe fully any and all computerized, mechanical, manual, or other system(s) that you use, maintain, or operate to record any and all mail, telephone, in-person, or other forms of communications, or attempted communications, with persons or other third parties in connection with the collection of accounts, and your policies and procedures for operating such a system of records.
- 12. Identify whether you electronically record telephone calls by any means with any persons and what steps are taken to preserve these recordings.
- 13. Identify whether you recorded any telephone call with Plaintiff and whether or not these recordings have been preserved, and the current location and/or disposition of these recordings.

- In the form of a chronology, identify and describe in detail and with particularity, the process, events, and circumstances under which the threatened foreclosure was to take place, beginning with the first alleged default on the loan.
- 15. Identify and describe each communication, or attempted communication, between you with Plaintiff, or any other person, which is in any way related to the foreclosure, by stating the following:
  - a. The name of the individual initiating communication;
  - b. The name of the person and/or description of the person to whom the communication was directed;
  - c. The date and time of the communication;
  - d. The method of the communication (e.g. letter, phone call, in-person);
  - e. A detailed description of the substance of the communication, (do not simply refer to notes);
  - f. Identification of all witnesses to or participants in the communication; and,
  - g. Any actions taken by you as a result of the communication.
- 16. Identify the full legal name, address, telephone, position, and title of all former employees of yours who in any manner were involved with the account of Plaintiff.
- 17. Identify all lawsuits brought against you at any time arising out its foreclosing or attempted foreclosing activities, and for any reason, by supplying the correct legal caption, the court file number, the jurisdiction, the date of filing, and the final disposition or current status.
- 18. Identify all legal claims, equitable claims, regulatory complaints, regulatory reports, arbitrations, mediations, in-court settlements, out-of-court settlements, or any other proceedings, formal or informal, Better Business Bureau, Commerce Department, or other

regulatory complaints made against you or your employees at any time arising out its foreclosing or attempted foreclosing activities, and for any reason, by supplying the correct caption (if any), the name(s) of the complaining party, the file number, the jurisdiction, the date of filing, and the final disposition or current status of the claim, complaint or proceeding.

- 19. Please identify all properties you have foreclosed on in Alabama, stating the following:
  - a. Number of foreclosures;
  - b. Name of the borrower on the Note and the property location;
  - c. All notices sent to each person; and
  - d. Whether the notice provisions of the Note and Mortgage differ from Plaintiff's Note and Mortgage.
- 20. Identify what happened to the Note and Mortgage from the time they were executed up until the current day. Include all assignments, transfers, endorsements, allonges, etc.
- 21. If this loan was placed into a Trust, identify exactly how and when this note and/or mortgage was placed into the Trust and attach all documents relating to the Trust including the pooling and servicing agreement (PSA).
- 22. Was this loan transferred into the Trust in accordance with the PSA? Explain your answer.
- 23. Identify all charges, fees or expenses that were imposed on Plaintiff and the authority for each such charge, fee or expense.
- 24. In what order were payments to be applied i.e. principal, interest, late fees, etc.
- 25. For every payment received, describe how you applied every dollar and when you applied it.
- 26. Identify every late fee, expense or charge during the life of the loan and the basis for each.
- 27. Explain why you threatened to foreclose on Plaintiff.

# REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff requests that Defendants produce the documents described herein and permit Plaintiff's attorneys to inspect and copy such documents, as they may desire:

- 1. Please produce a copy of each and every document involving communication(s) or contact(s) between you and the following persons, which in any way references Plaintiff, or any allegation or defense asserted in this action:
  - a) Any credit bureaus;
  - b) The Plaintiff;
  - c) Any state or federal governmental entity;
  - d) Any other defendant in this case.
- 2. Please produce copies of any statements you have taken or received from any person in any way connected with the allegations contained in this lawsuit.
- 3. Please produce all documents related in any way to Plaintiff.
- 4. Please produce all documents related in any way to the loan that you say Plaintiff is in default on.

# PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS

Pursuant to the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure the Plaintiff demands that the following be admitted or denied:

- 1. You never owned the note at issue in this case.
- 2. The loan was in default when you started servicing the note.
- 3. All letters your attorneys wrote to Plaintiff were within the line and scope of their representation of you.
- 4. You have not apologized to Plaintiff for any of your conduct related to the upcoming foreclosure.

5. You decided to treat Plaintiff different than you treat every other consumer in Alabama because of a personal dislike for Plaintiff.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts
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JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA DONNA BARKSDALE, CLERK

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

CINDY LEBOW a/k/a CINDY VANOS, an individual,	)
Plaintiff,	) ) ) Civil Action No.:
v.	)
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Corporation; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED SERIES 2002-2, a Bank; and Fictitious defendants AZ are those defendants who caused or are responsible for the harm done to Plaintiff.	) ) JURY DEMAND ) ) ) )

Defendants.

# NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF 30(b)(6) CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED SERIES 2002-2 BY VIDEO OR OTHER LAWFUL MEANS

Take notice, that the Plaintiff will take the deposition (by video and/or other allowable means under the law) of the following entities or individuals pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure. The deponent(s) must bring all documents listed in this deposition notice and any attachments, and present the originals of these documents for inspection and copying at the deposition. The deposition will continue until completed.

**DEPONENT:** Corporate Representative of THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED SERIES 2002-

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DATE: June 25, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Watts & Herring, LLC

The Kress Building 301 19<sup>th</sup> Street North Birmingham, AL 35203 Please note that pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure 30(b)(5) & (6), this corporate Defendant must designate an individual to testify as to the following matters for the time period of three (3) years prior to the filing of the Complaint through the date of the deposition:

- 1. Allegations of the Complaint.
- 2. Your Answer to the Complaint.
- 3. The Note and Mortgage of Plaintiff.
- 4. All assignments, endorsements, allonges, or other transfers of the Note or Mortgage of Plaintiff.
- 5. All discovery responses to Plaintiff's written discovery.
- 6. Any loss mitigation efforts/discussions with Plaintiff.
- 7. All training, supervision, and policies related to foreclosure and loan modification.
- 8. Training, supervision, and policies regarding all loss mitigation and postponing or cancelling a foreclosure sale.
- 9. The actions of all sub or master mortgage servicers related to the Plaintiff.
- 10. Your communications with and work for or with the owner of the mortgage loan.
- 11. All letters from Plaintiff and your responses to the letters.

# **DUCES TECUM**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, the designated representative(s) of Defendant must bring the following documents with them to the deposition:

 All documents responsive to the Request for Production of Documents and documents related to the topics referenced above.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts

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CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED SERIES	)	
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Defendants.

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**DEPONENT:** Corporate Representative of Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC

**DATE:** June 26, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Watts & Herring, LLC

The Kress Building 301 19<sup>th</sup> Street North Birmingham, AL 35203

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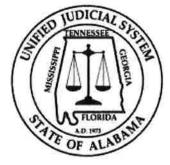
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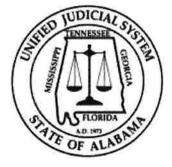
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WHOSE ADDRESS(ES) IS/ARE: 301 19th Street North, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203					
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this action upon the above-named Defendant.					
✓ Service by certified mail of this Summons is initiated upon the written request of CINDY LEBOW					
pursuant to the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure.  [Name(s)]					
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